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Art Unit : 3731
Title : METHODS FOR ENDOLUMINAL TREATMENT

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98 copies of the following patents and/or publications are submitted herewith:

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U.S. Patent No. 2,246,495 dated June 1941 to Alessi et al.;

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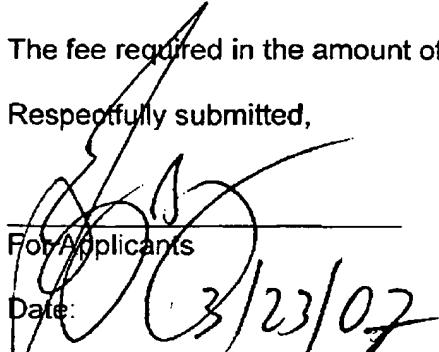
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